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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

[WARNING: If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.]

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor or an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

**SUBSTRATE FIXTURE FOR HIGH-YIELD PRODUCTION OF THIN FILM BASED
DENSE WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXERS**

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c)

(a) __X__ is attached hereto.

(b) ____ was filed on _____ as ____ Serial No. _____

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or ____ Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known ____ and was amended on ____ (if applicable).

(c) ____ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. ____ filed on ____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on ____ (if any).

[NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.]

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability as defined in § 1.56.

____ In compliance with this duty there is

attached an information disclosure statement, 37 CFR 1.97.

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PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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(d) X no such applications have been filed.

(e) such applications have been filed as follows.

[NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.]

EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

COUNTRY	APPLICATION No.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
			<u> </u> YES <u> </u> NO
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ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION

DOMESTIC PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim domestic priority benefits under Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.78 (a)(3)-(4) of any provisional application(s) filed in accordance with Title 35, United States Code § 111(b) and Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.51(a)(2) and § 1.53(b)(2).

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(f) _____ no such provisional applications have been filed.

(g) X such provisional applications have been filed as follows:

DOMESTIC (PROVISIONAL) APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THIS NONPROVISIONAL U.S. APPLICATION

PROVISIONAL APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(4)
60/217,115	July 10, 2000	<u> X </u> YES ___ NO
60/217,060	July 10, 2000	<u> X </u> YES ___ NO

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SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application, Serial No. 60/217,115 filed on July 10, 2000, in Express Mail Label No. EL 531044019 US by Gerald T. Mearini, Ph.D., entitled **SUBSTRATE FIXTURE FOR HIGH-YIELD PRODUCTION OF THIN FILM DENSE WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXERS** and of U.S. Provisional Application, Serial No. 60/217,060 filed on July 10, 2000, in Express Mail Label No. EL 531044005 US by Gerald T. Mearini, Ph.D., entitled **HIGH THROUGHPUT HIGH-YIELD VACUUM DEPOSITION SYSTEM FOR THIN FILM BASED DENSE WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXERS**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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DECLARATION

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SIGNATURE(S)

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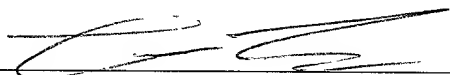
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____ Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part (CIP) application.

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